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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on June 25, 2004 and March 18, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a copy of an International Search Report that was mailed on September 30, 2004, with respect to patent family member International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/15616, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-063136, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (2) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 916 506;
- (3) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 550 190;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,751,327;

- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,121,995;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,012,291;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,121,994;
- (8) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 02/15645;
- (9) S. LAMANSKY et al., Journal of Applied Physics, Vol. 92, No. 3, August 1, 2002, pp. 1570-1575;
- (10) C. ADACHI et al., Applied Physics Letters, Vol. 78, No. 11, March 12, 2001, pp. 1622-1624;
- (11) European Patent Application Publication No. 0 731 625; and
- (12) R.C. KWONG et al., Advanced Materials, Vol. 12, No. 15, August 2, 2000, pp. 1134-1138.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying appropriate rules to the International claims are set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants note that documents (1)-(6) were previously cited to the Examiner, and thus copies of these documents are not being provided herewith.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

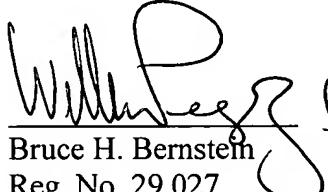
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Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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